

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 3398–3428; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 456 were introduced. **Pages H5035–37**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5038–39**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Committee on Appropriations. Further Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2020 (H. Rept. 116–124). **Page H5035**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020: The House considered of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Consideration is expected to resume the week of June 24th. **Pages H5011–22**

Agreed to:

Raskin amendment (No. 195 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases and decreases funding by \$1,000,000 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps in order to support construction projects on military facilities and facilities that serve the military community where health and safety are at risk; **Pages H5011–12**

Lesko (No. 196) that increases and decreases the Veterans Health Administration account by \$3,000,000 to be directed towards female only inpatient clinics; McCarthy (No. 197) that increases and decreases funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Construction, Major Projects account by \$39.732 million to support the timely completion of construction of VA facilities authorized by Public Law 111–82; Lynch (No. 200) that increases

funding for Medical Services by \$1 million, with the intention of it being directed to Public-Private Partnerships to reduce veteran suicides; will be offset by a reduction to the General Administration Account; Barr (No. 201) that transfers \$5,000,000 from the VHA's Medical Community of Care Account to the VHA's Medical Services account for the explicit use for the VA's Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) Program equine assisted therapy, given the promising results reported using equine assisted therapy for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder; Welch (No. 202) that increases and decreases funding for the VA medical services account by \$1 million for the purpose of encouraging the VA to collaborate with states on their efforts to conduct educational outreach and help veterans enroll in the burn pits registry; Allen (No. 203) that increases and decreases Military Construction, Army by \$37,000,000 to fulfill the President's budget request for construction of the Cyber Instructional Facility at Fort Gordon; Connolly (No. 204) that increases and decreases VAOIG funding by \$1,000,000 to encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General to devote sufficient resources to oversight of the Washington DC VA Medical Center; Bost (No. 205) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 to emphasize the positive pro-bono legal services done by public university law schools to help veterans and their dependents in underserved areas; Sewell (AL) (No. 207) that adds and subtracts funding from the Medical Community Care account to instruct the Veterans Health Administration to prioritize funding for the modernization of medical transportation programs for Veterans, particularly those who are rural, underserved or female; Ruiz (No. 209) that increases

and decreases funding to VA Medical Services account by \$1,000,000 to conduct educational outreach to veterans to enroll in the burn pits registry, additional research using the registry, and other activities concerning the maintenance of the registry; Johnson (LA) (No. 210) that increases and decreases funds by \$1 to show Congressional intent for the Army to prioritize modernization funding for its Combat Development Centers (CDC) in order to properly prepare and equip the Army for training scenarios; Johnson (LA) (No. 211) that increases and decreases funds by \$1 to show Congressional intent to ensure the Air Force continues to follow its revised plan for construction and upgrades to the Weapons Generation Facility enterprise and its critical function to the national security interests of the United States; Gottheimer (No. 212) that increases and decreases funding for the General Administration Fund at the VA by \$1 million to address staffing shortages across the board at the VA; Gottheimer (No. 213) that increases funding by \$5 million for the Veterans Health Administration to hire more mental health professionals, the most-needed occupation according to the VA's Inspector General; Steil (No. 214) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 to express the Congressional intent that the VA suicide prevention and treatment programs should be adequately funded; Blunt Rochester (No. 215) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 the Veterans Health Administration medical services account for the purpose of expressing concern over uncompensated care for veterans under a certain service-connected disability rating at State veterans nursing homes; Hill (AR) (No. 216) that transfers \$1.5 million from the General Administration account to programs within the Medical Services account, including homeless assistance programs and suicide prevention outreach; Carbajal (No. 217) that increases and decreases funding by \$5,000,000 to direct the Secretary to change the phone system to have local Community Based Outpatient Center answer calls rather than having all calls routed to the major VA Medical Centers in an effort to reduce wait times for veterans on the phone and to provide more timely health services; Carbajal (No. 218) that provides \$3 million for the Veterans Transportation Program to assist veterans in attending to all their medical appointments in a timely manner; Porter (No. 222) that increases funding by \$1,000,000 for the Veterans Crisis Line; Porter (No. 223) that increases funding by \$2,000,000 for VA homeless assistance programs to combat Veteran homelessness; Pappas (No. 224) that increases and decreases by \$10 million to specify improvements to the environment of care for women veterans in VA facilities should be made; Kim (No. 225) that increases and decreases

the Air Force account by \$7,000,000 to address road safety issues at military bases; and Houlahan (No. 227) that increases the Veterans Health Administration Medical Services' account by \$1.7 million in order to increase the minimum amount that must spent on gender-specific care for women at the VA with an appropriate offset; **Pages H5012–15**

Cunningham amendment (No. 219 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prevents any military construction funding from being used towards a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round; **Page H5017**

Cunningham amendment (No. 226 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prohibits funds to future defense projects that do not conform with military resilience standards; **Page H5019**

Kim amendment (No. 228 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases and decreases the Army Reserve account by \$7,000,000 to address road safety issues at military bases; **Pages H5019–20**

Bost amendment (No. 206 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Executive Order titled "Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects" (by a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 51 noes, Roll No. 396); **Pages H5016–17, H5020**

Golden amendment (No. 220 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases funds for the VA Medical Facilities account by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 397); and **Pages H5017–18, H5020–21**

McAdams amendment (No. 221 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases and decreases by \$1 with the intent to instructs the Department of Veterans Affairs submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an implementation plan, including expected timeline and resource requirements, for the Department of Veterans Affairs to complete the requirements of Section 302 of Public Law 115–174 (by a recorded vote of 420 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 398). **Pages H5018–19, H5021–22**

Withdrawn:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 198 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the Department of Veterans Affairs from interfering with a veteran's participation in a state medical cannabis program, denying a veteran who participates in a state medical cannabis program from being denied VA services, and interfering with the ability of VA health care providers to recommend participation in state medical cannabis programs; and **Pages H5015–16**

Walberg amendment (No. 199 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the

use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce proposed rules limiting veterans' ability to access care from a prosthetist of their choice. **Page H5016**

H. Res. 445, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3055) and relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) was agreed to Wednesday, June 19th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, June 24th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5026**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to North Korea is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–44).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5020, H5020–21, and H5021–22. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2722, the “SAFE Act”. H.R. 2722 was ordered reported, as amended.

THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: IDEAS FOR PROMOTING ETHICS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Federal Judiciary in the 21st Century: Ideas for Promoting Ethics, Accountability, and Transparency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”; and H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture.

At 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time will expire and Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, June 24

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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